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ALAN Brownell shoots wide against Wycombe on Monday



DAVE Holt loses this challenge by Graham Mackenzie on Monday.



ALAN Brownell shields the ball from Alan Phillips and Keith Mead.

## Berks and Bucks Senior Cup final



CHALFONT St. Peter players can still manage a smile after their brave but fruitless bid for the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup in their first final.

# Saints go down —but it's a fight

Wycombe Wanderers 2, Chalfont St Peter 0  
By SHANE MCGARVEY

player working. He was in the middle of every attack but when those came to nothing Jim Lofly and company took over.

Lofly went for everything; fought for every ball. With his face set in grim determination and his teeth clenched he was the link between defence and attack.

The only real disappointment in the first half was Alan Brownell who wasn't in the mood to chase the loose ball. He changed beyond recognition in the second half though and it was when he added his skill to the attacking flairs of Dave Holt and Hodgson that the Saints looked most dangerous.

Mick Holfield, who has so often come to the rescue of a wavering Wycombe side, found it difficult to produce the run on the ball that has devastated defences.

They wouldn't have let horses run on that pitch, for fear they would injure themselves though come to think of it, horses could well have been responsible for the damage.

But Holfield so often proved the thorn in Chalfont's side although, faced with a stone-wall defence, his forwards couldn't produce the goals.

The early minutes of the second half saw Wycombe try to push home their advantage. As they turned after the break the wind was in their favour but poor

finishing and an assortment of Chalfont bodies kept down the scoreline until the Saints began to turn the tables.

Mackenzie, who shot wide, Derek Harris and Evans, who both had shots saved by the do-or-die Fancourt, and Horseman must all be wondering why the goals wouldn't come before Chalfont put them back on the rack midway through the half.

The rot set into the Wycombe defence long before the 60th minute, but until then indeterminate attacking by the Saints hadn't really tested the defenders.

Alan Phillips, who surely can't keep on covering his weaknesses in Isthmian League football, was the first to crack, panicking to chip a ball almost out of Peter Spittle's hands as Holt and Hodgson came through.

The Wycombe defender found himself facing his own goal with a floored goalkeeper behind him and played safe to give away a corner.

Hodgson then crossed for Tracey Warren to head back across the goal but the ball wouldn't fall right for Kenny Woolnough who shot just wide.

Brownell received the ball in his own half and ran almost to the goal area before he shot high under pressure from Richard Strong and Phillips.

Minutes later the linesman was flagging for a penalty as Brownell was impeded in the area but referee Roy Sibbey over-

ruled him. The result of the fouled Brownell's shot was a ball which rolled towards an empty net until Mead hacked it away.

Five minutes from the end Brownell was again involved, thrusting through the Wycombe defence. His shot was blocked at close range by Spittle and Hodgson, presented with a golden opportunity, missed an open goal with the rebound.

Seconds later Wycombe put the result beyond doubt. With Chalfont stretched and going forward for the equaliser, a ball blasted out of defence found Harris just inside.

With Ken Fowler in hot pursuit and resisting the temptation to kick the Amersham schoolteacher's legs from under him, Harris went on to beat Fancourt with a shot from just outside the penalty area.

Chalfont heads dropped a little as the inevitable final whistle blew. Saints manager Keith Molton seemed close to tears as he went over to congratulate his opposite number, John Reardon, and Hodgson blamed the chances he missed.

Back in the dressing room Chalfont voices were low under the pressure of sagging spirits until 'Cook' Davies, the joker in the pack, brought defeat by a side that has repeatedly shamed Football League sides, into perspective.

Mimicking a television advert involving a lost cup final, champagne and a well-known fauer, he turned

on his best German accent to ask:

"Where's the Kronenbourg?"

Chalfont: Fancourt, Lofly, Fowler, Morgan, Warren, Davies (Parkins 76), Woolnough, Kimpton, Holt, Hodgson, Brownell, second sub, Brennan.

Wycombe: Spittle, Birdseye, Strong, Mead, Phillips, Priestley, Mackenzie, Holfield, Harris, Horseman (Kennedy 79), Evans, second sub, Maskell. Man of the match: Graham Hodgson (Chalfont).

Attendance: 1,700.

## Brownell penalty claim

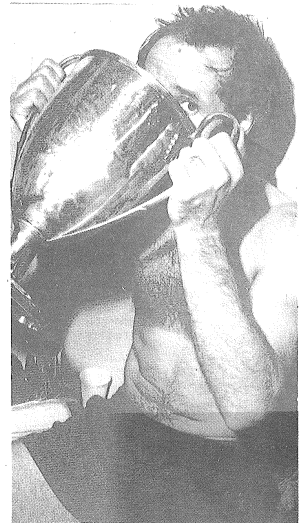
ALAN Brownell claimed he was brought down by Wycombe Wanderers goalkeeper Peter Spittle as Chalfont St Peter went all-out for the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup equaliser on Monday.

"I was through into the penalty area and the goalkeeper did his usual trick of shouting 'mine' and then hesitating so I went on. I had beaten the defender and when I saw there was no-one supporting me I decided to shoot for goal."

"Then suddenly the goalkeeper came in and my legs were taken away from under me," he said.

The linesman flagged for the penalty and Keith Mead, who stopped the ball on the line, pointed to see if the spot-kick had been given before backing the ball away.

Referee Roy Sibbey waved play on and Wycombe went on to win the cup.



WYCOMBE captain Keith Mead knocks back the winning cup.



PENALTY? Alan Brownell claims it should have been.



HOW did they miss? Graham Hodgson (centre) has put the ball over the bar with Wycombe keeper Peter Spittle beaten.



UP for the cup as Chalfont drive forward. From the left: Brownell, Warren, Priestley and Mead.

TRACEY Warren wins an aerial battle with Wycombe's Derek Harris.

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